

Fiscal Note

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SF 424 – Joint School Infrastructure Projects (LSB 1864SV.1)
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Description

Senate File 424 as amended and passed by the Senate, allows a consortium (at least four school districts and a community college) meeting specific requirements to participate in a district-to-community college program and facilities sharing pilot program pending Department of Education approval.

Background

Based on the language specifications in the Bill, the pilot program would be limited to a consortium of school districts that include Grundy Center, Aplington-Parkersburg, Gladbrook-Reinbeck, and Dike-New Hartford and the Hawkeye Community College.

Assumptions

- Each of the four school districts in the consortium is currently at the maximum Regular Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) rate of \$0.33 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.
- Of the four districts, three currently have a voter-approved PPEL and one district is at the maximum rate of \$1.34 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The three districts that are not at the maximum rate have a remaining voter-approved PPEL capacity that totals approximately \$616,000. However, any changes in the voter-approved PPEL tax rates would require voter approval.
- The Department of Education has indicated that costs to administer the pilot program, if any, would be minimal.

Fiscal Impact

There is minimal, if any, impact to the State General Fund. Additionally, there is no impact to the regular PPEL rate for any of these districts since they are currently at the maximum tax rate. Although there is remaining capacity for the voter-approved PPEL, any increases would require voter approval.

Sources

Iowa Department of Education
Iowa Department of Management, School Aid file
LSA calculations and analysis

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

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